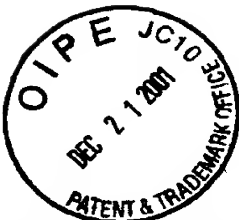


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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Attn: Application Division

Inventor(s): Rieping et al.

Appln. No.: 09 963,668
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Atty. Dkt. P 283665 000425BT
M# Client Ref

Filed: September 27, 2001

Title: Fermentation Process for the Preparation of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the Family Enterobacteriaceae

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Date: December 21, 2001

Sir:

The following completes the filing under Rule 53(f) of the above-identified patent application:

1. Notice to File Missing Parts ☒ copy attached ☐ not yet received
2. ☒ Signed Declaration attached. ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy

(Always "X" box 2 if filing signed Declaration and

"X" box 2A only if top box of the Declaration is X'd and file application copy, or

"X" box 2B only if none of the top three boxes of the Declaration is X'd.)

- 2A. ☐ Attached: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claim(s)) which is a copy of specification and claim(s) originally filed to secure the above filing date.
- 2B. ☐ The original application as filed in the PTO on the above filing date is the application which each inventor executed by signing the attached Rule 63 Declaration.
3. ☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
 - a. ☐ Abstract
 - b. # pages of Specification (only spec. & claims)
 - c. ☐ Drawing(s) No of Sheets
 - ☐ Fig(s).
4. ☐ Letter filing formal drawing attached.

5. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
6. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 60/237,610	October 4, 2000	(2)	
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(5)		(6)	

7. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in GERMANY

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) DE 100 48 605.3	September 30, 2000	(2) DE 100 55 516.0	November 9, 2000
(3) DE 101 30 192.8	June 22, 2001	(4)	
(5)		(6)	

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9. 3 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☒ previously filed (date) 9/27/01
 in U.S. Application No. 09/963,668 filed on September 27, 2001

10. Small Entity Status ☐ ☒ is Not claimed ☐ is claimed (file PAT-256 if this is the first claim of Small Entity Status)

11. ☐ Attached:

12. ☒ Amendment to Comply See attached
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14. Total Effective Claims	30	minus 20 =	10	x \$18/\$9	+180	103/203
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19. Original due date: January 14, 2002						
20. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to (1 mo)				\$110/\$55 =	+0	115/215
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

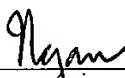
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 - \$180 for 10 total claims over 20.
 - \$960 for 12 independent claims over 3.
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